



## Parents and Citizens Association

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### Welcome to Coorparoo State School

#### **What is the P&C?**

The P&C Association is run by a group of volunteers, including President, Treasurers, Secretaries and a number of Vice-Presidents. All roles on the Executive are declared vacant at the AGM in March and a voting process is used to elect new office-bearers.

The Coorparoo State School (CSS) P&C supports the school by:

- Building a strong community spirit amongst CSS families, staff and students through a range of events and activities
- Providing financial support to enhance CSS facilities and resources for all our children
- Providing advice to the Principal and staff on a range of matters like uniform and behaviour policies
- Fund the employment of a School Community Liaison Officer – Leisa Whybird and providing staff for the Tuckshop (TramStop 26)

#### **How does the P&C contribute to the School?**

Everything the P&C does aims to contribute to the school community, either by building a more connected community or raising money to finance projects and programs for the school with the objective of supporting kind, curious and resilient children, who strive to reach their potential.

**In 2016 the P&C made a calculated decision to spend nearly \$200,000 on projects including:**

- \$67,000 - Air conditioning classrooms in B Block – Grade 5 & 6 classrooms
- \$114,500 - Air conditioning classroom in Kijini – Prep, Grade 1 & 2 classrooms
- \$5,000 - contribution to Science Week – spent on purchasing 12 ipads for science purposes
- \$7,000 - contribution to Stage 3 of Library Innovation Centre renovation
- \$4,000 - secured grant for improvements to Coorparoo Food Garden

**The P&C has recently invested in:**



**New Play Equipment for Kijini Oval**



**New Tables and Chairs for Wolfe Park**

**The P&C Grants team secured money for:**



**Shade Sails for Carey Field**



**Upgraded Tennis Courts**

## **What are some of the events and activities organised by the P&C?**

In 2016, the P&C along with the Music and Swimming sub-committees arranged a huge calendar of events to support and enhance our great community, including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Afternoon</li><li>• Summer Music Concert</li><li>• Winter Music Concert</li><li>• Christmas Carols</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Musical</li><li>• Spell-a-thon</li><li>• Mother's Day Stall</li><li>• Father's Day Stall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly Swim Club</li><li>• School Dance</li><li>• Coorparoo Connect</li><li>• Movie in the Park</li></ul>
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In 2017, the P&C's major event will be the **Coorparoo Carnival** – our school fete. The P&C employs a Carnival Convenor to coordinate this event. This person is supported by a Carnival Committee, who in turn coordinates over 70 volunteers running various stalls, sponsorship, raffles and entertainment. If you'd like to get involved email: [coorparoocarnival@gmail.com](mailto:coorparoocarnival@gmail.com).

## **How does the P&C raise funds?**

### **1. Voluntary Contribution**

Most P&C Associations use a system of **Voluntary Contribution** to raise a proportion of their funds. The P&C has a '**Building Fund**' providing an option for tax-deductible donations.

We also have a **Hardship Fund** that is used to support families within our school who experience hardship meeting essential school-related expenses.

The Voluntary Contribution form is attached to this letter – thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

### **2. Fundraising Events**

The P&C organises **1-2 major fundraisers** each year. In 2017 our major focus will be Spell-a-thon and Coorparoo Carnival. Each fundraisers focus on ways to source contributions from beyond CSS families, engaging local businesses, along with family, friends and workmates from outside the Coorparoo area.

### **3. Services**

The **Tuckshop** and **Uniform Shop** are run by the P&C. These services are managed by paid staff; however rely on the support of volunteers to help provide the day-to-day service.

The P&C uses an online service called [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au), to make it easier for parents to access the tuckshop and uniform shop. It is free to register for Flexischools.

## **How can I help or get involved?**

**1. Join the P&C Association** complete the attached membership form, come along to a P&C meeting. The P&C meets every **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the school library**. We have been trialing day time meetings at 9:00pm in Outside School Hours Care space. Keep reading newsletter or Facebook for notifications of meeting time.

**2. Participate & Volunteer** in whatever way you can. Please complete the "Just One Thing" letter. If you didn't receive this letter, you can download a copy from P&C Documents on the school website. Calls for help generally appear in the School Newsletter, however feel free to pop into the Uniform and Tuckshop to let us know you're keen to lend a hand.

**3. Provide financial support** through the Voluntary Contribution, by actively encouraging others to support major fundraisers and by using the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop whenever possible.

## **How can I contact the P&C?**



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### **Your P&C Executive**

Rebecca White (President), Lisa Wruck (Treasurer), Kara Gregg (Minutes Secretary), Shannon King (Communications Secretary) and Suzanne Yeates (Vice-President).